



### Meeting Info:

Meeting location:  
8361A Dayton Pike  
Soddy Daisy, TN  
(Horsin' Around)  
At 1:00 p.m.

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## Jan Demonstrator



Tri-State Woodturners  
An official AAW chapter

## John Lucas

John Lucas is no stranger to those who have been TSW members for any length of time. He has expressed his creativity in woodworking for 37 years. Many articles in the American Woodturner Woodturning Design, More Woodturning, Woodturning Fundamentals and the English publication, Woodturning have been written by him. His imprint shows up in many forums as well. He has been a great teacher and demonstrator for numerous organizations and clubs.

His demonstrations always provide many tips for both confident and novice turners. This month he will demonstrate making a hand mirror for which he is well known.

John says, "this demo will be about how I make my hand mirrors. But it



will be so much more. This is basically a small platter and a spindle so I get to cover the finer details of how I use my tools to get cleaner cuts and have better control over the shape. For

the new turners I will demonstrate safe easy ways to use the tools to achieve the cuts you want. I will show different ways to use a spindle roughing gouge and how to use the skew. For the advanced turners I will show techniques to get cleaner cuts. I will be demonstrating how to turn long thin spindles without chatter. I will show several ways to turn beads including an advance technique for turning beads on platters and bowls. I will also discuss many ways to add surface texture to the pieces.



# Dec. Christmas Dinner & Auction

As usual the Christmas Dinner provided a generous amount of delicious food and desserts and lots of opportunities to visit with other turners. This is a splendid time for the spouses to visit and chat together. The silent auction gave people opportunity to purchase special items while supporting the club.

Jim Dvorak, as president was emcee for the evening making a special recognition to Jerry Bowmen and Les Isbell for their contribution toward the 700 pens TSW submitted for the Pens for Troops. He also recognized John Dekle, editor of the TSW Cuts and Scrapes, which won 1st place newsletter in the nation for AAW.





# President's Corner

I hope and pray that all of you have had a good and safe holiday season and that you are all looking forward to the new year! This will be a big year for our club with the international AAW symposium coming to Chattanooga in June. We have a great opportunity to support not only the AAW and our craft, but also to support our community economically as the symposium will bring a significant amount of revenue into the Chattanooga area. Currently we have nine of the ten lead volunteer positions filled. The final lead needed is the Registration Lead. Please consider stepping up to fill this position. This position is probably one of the easiest in that it only involves work during the symposium week itself. The primary responsibility of this lead is to ensure the registration desk is manned by the volunteers

during registration hours and that desk supplies are maintained. Please let me know if you are interested in supporting the symposium as the registration lead. For those of you that have accepted a lead position, we will be meeting with the AAW board of directors on Saturday, 22 Jan 2022 at the convention center. This will be an opportunity to meet the board members and get a good introduction into how the convention center will be set up and overall expectations for the symposium. Please continue to support the pens for troops service project this year. Also, it is not too early to start making Christmas ornaments for our food bank service project. Keep those lathes turning and be safe!

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Tri-state Woodturner Mentors

**NEW MEMBER MENTOR:** Are you new to wood turning or at least have an interest in it? TSW provides an opportunity for you to learn from other turners who will be willing to give you personal instruction and guidance. There is no fee for this instruction for TSW members. Contact one of the listed officers who will guide you to select a helpful mentor for you.

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# The Web



**Tennessee Association  
of Woodturners 33rd  
Annual Symposium**

**Fri and Sat January 28-29 Nashville TN**

To register or get more info on the slate of turners and classes available go to their web site at [www.tnwoodturners.org](http://www.tnwoodturners.org). The symposium will be held at the Marriott Cool Springs Hotel and Convention Center in Franklin, TN.

1. Doug has announced the desire to move the TSW meetings to a Thursday evening during daylight saving. There are some who cannot attend on Sat. There are others, however, that cannot meet on a weekday evening. We are going to vote again on this issue at the meeting Saturday. The vote will be to continue meeting on the third Sat all year, or meet on the third Thursday evenings during daylight savings months and go back to Sat. meetings when daylight savings goes off.

2. We will also vote on officers for 2022. The current officers have agreed to serve another year.

3. Something new! The Sat. following our regular meeting we are offering an optional get together at a members shop/studio called a Sawdust Session. This is open for anyone who wants to attend. No organized schedule will be planned. It will be a time to ask questions, look for help from others or share ideas. The Sessions will start at 10:00 and the first one will be Jan. 15, at Charlie Jennings's studio. His address is: 11730 Clift Mill Rd., Soddy Daisy TN 37379—Phone (423) 902-1482. The next Sawdust Session will be Feb 26, at John Dekle's workshop. His address is: 6310 Cedar Cove Ln., Harrison, TN 37341—Phone (423) 364-1268

## 2022 TSW Club Challenges

Turn the item the month before as a sample for new turners or turn the item for the month but the same item cannot be used twice or two months in a row. (Example in March turn a mallet for a sample of what a new turner could turn in April.) There is a wide spectrum available to be as simple or complex as you want and your skills allow. If you are a confident turner you can help new turners by submitting ideas for them to do the following month.

- Jan **Multi-media** (more than 1 material, i.e. species of wood, wood & acrylic or metal)
- Feb **Garden** (useful item for gardening or for the garden)
- Mar **Multi-finish** (more than 1 item, could be a combination of items)
- Apr **Workshop** (something to be used in a workshop handle, jig, mallet, etc.)
- May **Bowl** for symposium (donation for the Empty Bowl project)
- Jun **Kitchen** (things that could be useful in the kitchen, spurtle, spoon holder, handle, etc)
- July **Sports** (related to a sports team or to use in a sport)
- Aug **Home** (anything useful for a home, art, clock, lamp, door stop, stool, etc.)
- Sept **Jewelry** (necklace, ear ring set, ring, shawl pin, ring holder, etc)
- Oct **Ornament** (be creative try something unique)
- Nov **Personal** (gift for someone, something a person could use)
- Dec **Silent Auction** (to be donated for the Christmas dinner)



# Safety Tips

## A Word About

# Toy Safety

When turning toys that are intended for young children, such as spinning tops, dolls, rattles, ball-and-cup games, etc., ensure the toys are safe for young children to play with. Information about toy safety is available from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission ([cpsc.gov](http://cpsc.gov)). Another resource is [KidsHealth.org](http://KidsHealth.org). Generally, imagine what a curious, clever child might do, and take safeguarding steps accordingly. Make each toy as safe and strong as possible. Here are some factors to consider:

- Ensure any small additions/accessories such as buttons are secure and cannot be removed, as they could become a choking hazard.
- Ensure metal components, especially rare-earth magnets, are absolutely secure and cannot be removed.
- Choose child-friendly, nontoxic finishes.

Take steps to safeguard against choking hazards for small children. This could take the form of a small toy as one unit or smaller components that could be separated. [KidsHealth.org](http://KidsHealth.org) advises, "Toys should be large enough—at least 1 1/4" (32mm) in diameter and 2 1/4" (6cm) in length—so that they can't be swallowed or lodged in the windpipe. A small-parts tester, or choke tube, can determine if a toy is too small. These tubes are designed to be about the same diameter as a child's windpipe. If an object fits inside the tube, then it's too small for a young child. If you can't find a choke tube, ask a salesperson for help or use a toilet paper roll tube."



These suggestions came from AAW in November 2021.



**Next TSW club meeting is**

**Jan. 8th (1:00)**

**At Horsin'Around**



# AAW Symposium

## What does it mean to be the Symposium Host?

It is an honor to be selected as the host city and club to host this international event. Honestly, it also means a lot of work to make it a successful event. AAW would not have selected us to host this event if they did not believe we could do it. Let's show them and all attending we are capable of the task.

There could easily be 15-1600 people attending the 2022 Symposium. If you have ever been involved in large conventions you know this is a very daunting task but if we all pitch in and help it will be an exciting adventure and very rewarding.

## How can you help?

There really is something everyone can help with and it will take all of us to do this successfully. One lead person for registration is still needed. Volunteers to help in many areas are needed. PLEASE step-up and offer to help — let Jim Dvorak know you will help. (423) 883-2212. You don't need to be a TSW member to help.

The AAW Symposium is a tremendous event to attend. Often it is expensive, having to travel to it plus a hotel and the registration fee, but it is very worthwhile attending. The benefits are extraordinary. Due to covid-19 the past two years, the in-person symposium had to be changed to an on-line via Zoom meeting. Not quite the same as being at one in person, but excellent demonstrations were presented and attendees found them valuable. With the first live symposium in two years being held in Chattanooga, you are highly encouraged to register and take advantage of this. It will also give you an unforgettable experience. If you are not working as a volunteer you really need to attend. If you volunteer, but have opportunity to attend some classes, you will benefit greatly. You will be able to go through the instant gallery to see some awesome items.

<http://www.tristatewoodturners.com>

**This link will take you to the web site where you click on the tab for the Symposium.**

**There you will find the positions needed to be filled. You can either be a lead person or helper.**

# Dates: June 23 - 26, 2022

Mark your calendar now  
Reserve these dates  
You will be needed

June 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

# Useful Ideas, Tips, Tools & Techniques

Let's peer into the future for a moment. In this section of Cuts and Scrapes we want to look at organizing a functional work space with some practical ideas I hope you will find this useful. Several years ago, when designing a house, I read about the layout of a kitchen that would make it most functional. The same is true for our workspace whether you call it a studio or a workshop. While I will share pictures and ideas from my workshop, I welcome ideas and suggestions from others.

There are many different layouts for workspace. You may have your lathe in the middle of your workspace and mine is against a wall. What is most important is that it is functional for you. I realize people approach workspaces differently. I have a clean workshop with tools organized and hanging from pegboard. Numerous times I've had women (especially) express they wished their husband would copy my system. My response is that it might not work out very well. Some people want a place for everything and everything in its place. Others would find that too restrictive. Some would rather spend time looking for a tool, as they may know approximately where it is, than to spend time putting everything away every time they use it. Different strokes for different folks.

However, there are some things we all can use to make our workspace more functional. This could allow us opportunity to spend more time doing what we enjoy—turning. Some things we will cover may also help us work more safely. Naturally, what is shared will be more helpful to some than to others. The goal is to share things that will stimulate your thinking to make your workspace as functional as possible. I hope some ideas will make your space safe and more fun to work in so you can enjoy what you do.

How do you store tools?

How do you organizing sandpaper?

What is a reaching tool & what's it for?

Is equipment laid out with easy to access?

What is used most?

What things should be close together?

How do you store things often needed?

Where do you do planning?

How accessible are planning tools?

Where/how are finishes stored?

How accessible is safety equipment?

What about lighting?

How to make cleaning easier?

Where do you store all that stuff?

How to keep tools sharp?

More to come plus your input



# Tri-State Woodturners Membership Form

PLEASE print or write legibly and complete each area - Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2:(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Member's website (if you have one): \_\_\_\_\_

May the above info be placed in the club directory on line? (check one)  Yes  No

Would you consider yourself a:  Novice  Confident  Advanced woodturner

Year you started turning: \_\_\_\_\_ Would you be a mentor? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of lathe(s) you own and use: \_\_\_\_\_

Year you first joined TSW: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you currently an AAW member?:  Yes  No

**MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK (to: Tri-state Wood Turners) with \$40 TO:  
TSW C/O, Dr. John Dekle, 6310 Cedar Cove Lane, Harrison, TN 37341**

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